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Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Patent and Trademark Office Action dated December 2, 2004.

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